Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

27: July, 1886

Dear Docta

I have your note of 25th inst: before me.

In regard to the great political question of Home Rule, I have abstained publicly and individually from expressing any opinion about it, but the Home Rule essential of which you speak, I admire. Recollect when a man gets into his 70's and lived a happy life as long as you have, with that dear wife of yours, you need not expect to put ains on yourself, and fancy that she has no rights at all in the household. I think you ought to be thankful that in the long and many years of life's journey

you have travelled, you have held out so well, and that a little restriction by the head of the house should be obediently accepted. If you were made of cast iron instead of being frail humanity I think long before this you would have rusted out and put upon the common scrap no further service: But I have looked with profound gratification at the agility with which you move along, dancing across Broad Sheet with that remarkable satchel strapped over you shoulder. Seeing you in the back, I could almost wonder what young gentleman that was moving so actively along. Then when I would get up to you, I would simply say "Good morning Doctor," and conceal the smile that would move me at the hurry with which you would aim for the Mint.

You need not Care about the Church at present. Take good Care of yourself, and we will all be the happier. Your Coadjutors are attending very faithfully to what is required of them on your side of the house, and the work goes on smoothly and satisfactorily.

For my sake, however Dr. Gerhard's essences may be unpalatable, I hope Mrs Booth will urge him to cram them in so that you may be healed up quicker by that means than by the ordinary slow process of gentle treatment.

I pray your restoration to health at an early day, that we may once again and speedily too, have your countenance here on all that goes on and your judgment besides in whatever consulta-

hours may be necessary

Believe me my Dear Doctor

Most Cordially yours

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Via P.R.R.

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